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In re application of:

T. William Hutchens *et al.*

Application No.: 10/700,297

Filed: October 31, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF
ANALYTES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This response is accompanied by a two-month Request for Extension of Time, extending the time for responding to November 22, 2006.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.